Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following two new paragraphs on page 4, line 17:

Figure 4 illustrates an embodiment of a buckle.

Figure 5 illustrates an embodiment of a hook and loop fastener with respect to a bag strap.

Please amend the following paragraph starting on page 5, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

One will readily appreciate that a great many variations are possible for a strap. Fig. 4 illustrates a buckle 41 which may be used in various embodiments of the invention. Fig. 5 illustrates an alternative embodiment with the use of hook and loop fastener 51 and 52 in use with a bag strap. In yet another embodiment, it ~~It~~ is possible that the strap be made of two small portions each sewn to the bag on either side of the zipper. When pulled together and attached, these pieces operate in the same way as a single strap. The material of the bag serves as the connection between the two portions. A single strap may be arranged with a loop and hook fastener element on one side. Such a strap pulled across the bag can be received by a mating loop and hook element affixed to the exterior of the bag. Two ends of a strap may have thereon, mating portions of a buckle device. Alternatively, a strap may incorporate a snap fastener. Similarly, a strap might be made of an elastic material which stretches about the bag. Of these variations, a common link is that a means for causing a force directly radially inward is produced. Accordingly, the invention does not depend on either of the single named variations described here, but instead works very well with any of them.